

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, June 6, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2022 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and a virtual meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Margaret LeVasseur will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member LeVasseur will be seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 12915 Pleasant Ave., Lindstrom, MN 55045, a location open and accessible to the public. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location viewed the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Others present, attended the in-person meeting or virtual meeting at a location of their choice through a personal device (e.g. laptop, tablet, cell phone or personal computer). Each LID Board Director and others present were allowed to view documents presented during the in-person and virtual meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose and one resident.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:31 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride.

Invoice Payments Include:

Chisago County Press	Lake level reading publications for 2021.	690.00
City of Lindstrom	Karl Oskar Days Booth Registration (July 8 - 10, 2022).	100.00

EOR	Open Lake Ellen weir, spring channel and weir inspection, review snow pack data and water level calculations, communications with Jerry, review of Board packet.	1,162.50
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	35.10
Monthly Expense Total		2,237.60

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request from the Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association for Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership funding request for treatment of 11 acres of curly-leaf pondweed in Pioneer Lake. The total request is \$1,000.00. The Board discussed that the AIS Workgroup schedule a future meeting to develop questions for Spetzman to ask the Pioneer Lake Association for clarification on the terms of the treatment grant received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board table the request from the Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association for Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership until the AIS Workgroup and LID Board has confirmed specific DNR grant approval dates from the homeowners association for 2022 and 2023 funding. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride.

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Planning and Budget Workgroup meeting on June 9, 2022. Commissioner DuBose reminded the LID to allocate onetime spending amounts through reserves and ongoing spending amounts through the LID levy.

Spetzman updated the Board on the spring 2022 lake level readings and difference in elevations in North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the need for lake level gages at Chisago and South Lindstrom Lakes (when the lakes are not equalized) and the request to the DNR to install gages at those lakes.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the lakes currently subject to the countywide Slow-No-Wake ordinance restrictions.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Hook, Line and Sinker Program for 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on placing the LID display at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days and Harmony in the Park – Lakes Appreciation Night on July 6, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the volunteer schedule for the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days LID/Lake Association booth on July 6 – 11, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on placing the LID display, along with Lake Association information, at the Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga festival from August 20 – 21, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the status of the LID Administrator position application reviews and interviews.

Spetzman and Director Schumacher updated the Board on the drone survey to treat invasive phragmites within the LID and the recent paddle survey to find populations of invasive phragmites located along the Sunrise River outside of the LID.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board, based on the recommendations from the North Lindstrom North Center (NC NL) Channel Maintenance Workgroup, to not remove vegetation and bogs located in the NC NL channel in 2022 due to low water levels and the cost to remove the vegetation.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the status of the requests for quotes to complete surveys in the NC NL channel and right of entry agreements for property owners located along the NC NL channel. The Chisago County Surveyor is willing to help completing the surveys if needed.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program for 2022, including watercraft inspections and decontaminations, review of the AIS Workshop held on May 17, 2022 and the upcoming University of Minnesota Species conference on June 28, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) planning activities, including the May 25, 2022 Steering Committee meeting, and the upcoming Metro Convening meeting and Watershed Based Implementation Funding amounts proposed for 2023.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Spring Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection report conducted on April 21, 2022. Spetzman reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow Up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recent issue of animals possibly causing the clogging of floating bogs, reeds and branches in the seven culverts located near Swamp Lake.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding up to \$1,000 for animal trapping to clear the floating bogs, reeds and branches located in the seven culverts located near Swamp Lake. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride.

Michael J Mergens
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: Susanna Wilson Witkowski
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager